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BPD K9 Unit Elected to VT K9 Hall of Fame	10/20/16
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	Vermont Police Academy
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Sgt. Wade Labrecque	

NARRATIVE:

Burlington Police Sergeant Wade Labrecque and his Police Canine Andre were awarded the state’s highest Police Canine honor on May 20, 2016 when they were elected to the Vermont Police Canine Hall of Fame, joining a small elite group of Vermont Police Canine Handlers. Sgt. Labrecque and Canine Andre received a marble plaque in the Vermont Police Canine Hall of Fame located on the grounds of the Vermont Police Academy in Pitsford, VT. Canine Andre, a pure bred German shepherd, was donated to the Burlington Police Department and began his career with Sgt. Labrecque in July of 2007. After 22 weeks of training they emerged as Burlington Police Departments newest Canine Team. Over the next 8 ½ years Canine Andre and Sgt. Labrecque won numerous awards. Notably – (4) Vermont Police Canine Drug Detection Team of the Year (2008-2010, 2013), (2) Vermont Police Canine Team of the Year (2009, 2012) and VT Police Canine Patrol Team of the Year (2012). In 2013 Canine Andre while assisting the DEA alerted on a bag that contained 9000 bags of Heroin, at the time this was the single largest seizure of Heroin in Vermont with a street value of over \$100,000. Over his Career Canine Andre had over 570 drug finds and helped seize or confiscate ¾ of Million dollars in illicit drugs and cash. Canine Andre is credited with saving Sgt. Labrecque from a suspect armed with a brick laying in wait for Sgt. Labrecque in a basement of a residence. Sgt. Labrecque and Canine Andre helped to promote awareness and the role of Police Canines in Vermont by conducting numerous demonstrations over their career at Elementary schools,

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News outlets, Festivals and other public events. Sgt. Labrecque is currently in his third term as president of the Vermont Police Canine Association. Canine Andre was retired in December of 2015 at the age of 10 when he started to develop arthritis in his back legs. Canine Andre is now enjoying his retirement at home with his handler and family.



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